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Frank:

Would appreciate help on the following:

Last Thursday before Newspaper Editors, Laird said Soviets would be ahead of U.S. in all areas (strategic offensive, strategic defensive, and conventional forces) by the 1973, '74, '75 time period if they continue at present rate of build-up and if we do not change our current plans for that period.

He wants to spell this out in a speech this week — so I need unclassified comparisons in the three areas (strategic offensive, strategic defensive and conventional forces) for the mid-1970's time frame. wdb

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